



Quick Notes

from the Idaho Office of Highway Safety

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2011 Fatalities on Idaho Roads = 68*

General Message from the Highway Safety Manager

Hi Highway Safety Partners,

I want to take a moment to thank all those individuals who are involved with Idaho's crash reporting and management of the crash data base. In Idaho all reportable crashes are documented on crash reports and these reports are submitted to the Office of Highway Safety to be entered into the crash data base. Accurate crash data is extremely important to the highway safety business as it supports the many investment decisions that are made in both the behavior and infrastructure highway safety programs. This crash data is also used by various highway safety partners in law enforcement and engineering to help them identify highway safety problems in their area of influence and to make highway safety project decisions that offers the best return on investment.

Our office appreciates the dedication and extra effort that is made by our law enforcement partners to supply accurate and timely crash reports. In the article contained in this edition of *Quick Notes* you will note that a new version of elmpact has been released for use by law enforcement. In the coming weeks training will be given by Carroll Dodd and Kelly Campbell from the Office of Highway Safety. I want to encourage participation in this training as it is made available.

The dedicated work by everyone associated with Idaho's crash data system has not gone without notice. Our crash data system is recognized as one of the best in the country and this has been memorialized by the various awards and notes of recognition from national organizations. Again, thanks to those who contribute to making our crash data system one of the best in the country!

Take care and have a great week.

Brent Jennings, PE
Highway Safety Manager

DISTRACTED DRIVING



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Distracted Driving Enforcement Pilot Projects Offer Promise

*Statement for Attribution to Vernon F. Betkey, Jr.,
Chairman, Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—I am pleased to learn of the encouraging results from the Hartford, Connecticut and Syracuse, New York distracted driving enforcement pilot projects. The high-visibility model that has worked so well with seat belt use and drunk/drugged driving is translating well to [Distracted Driving](#).

Last week, GHSA released a comprehensive report entitled, [Distracted Driving: What Research Shows and What States Can Do](#). One of the key findings of the report is that additional research is needed to conclusively understand the scope of the distracted driving problem as well as what countermeasures are most effective at reducing usage and crashes. The demonstration projects in Hartford and Syracuse are truly a step in that direction. GHSA applauds the U.S. Department of Transportation and the states for their effort.

I commend Secretary LaHood for his continued leadership on distracted driving as well as my colleagues in the [Connecticut Department of Transportation](#) and on the [New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee](#) for their work on this important project. GHSA supports a federal/state partnership to combat distracted driving and believes that reducing the incidents of distracted driving will have a significant impact on achieving the national safety goal of moving [Toward Zero Deaths](#).

State-by-state [cell phone and texting laws](#) are posted online at www.ghsa.org.

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“Raffle for Justice”

Opportunities to put our goal ***Toward Zero Deaths*** into action can happen in the most unusual way. OHS Grants Officer, Donna Vasquez received one of many e-mails from a contact in Canyon County. The flyer attached to the e-mail showed a photo of a Harley Davidson motorcycle which is being raffled to raise funds for the Nampa Family Justice Center (FJC). Donna asked OHS motorcycle grants officer, Cecilia Awusie for safety and educational materials to send to the FJC to pass on to the winner of the Harley. It was perfect timing because Cecilia was going to be meeting with Idaho STAR director Stacey “Ax” Axmaker that afternoon. When Ax heard about this he generously donated a gift certificate valued at \$105 for the winner to attend an Idaho STAR course! There are three skill levels available and the winner will be able to select the appropriate course, Basic I, Basic II, or Experienced.

This is an inexpensive preventative measure that may save a life. Crash data revealed that of motorcyclists killed in 2010, 68% were 40 years of age or older and half of all the motorcycle crashes involved only a single motorcycle! This is a win-win for everyone involved because ...every life counts.



Nampa Family Justice Center <http://www.nampafamilyjusticecenter.org/video.shtml>

Idaho STAR website <http://idahostar.org/staraboutus.asp>

Raffle information contact: Donna Muhlstein dmuhlstein@cablone.net

Announcing elmpact 101 and elmpact 4.0 training classes

The new 4.0 elmpact has been released to all agencies. The Office of Highway Safety is asking law enforcement agencies to update to the new 4.0 version by September 2011.

If your agency has not received the information or is having trouble with updating elmpact, contact Brad Biskup at eimportsupport@idt.idaho.gov or call 208-334-8124 and leave a detailed message.

The Office of Highway Safety will also be offering two levels of elmpact training. The training has been POST certified and you will receive 4 hrs of accreditation.

EIMPACT 101 - This course is designed for new officers, new record personnel and those that have not used elmpact. This course will provide a comprehensive understanding of the elmpact, including how the information is used after it is received.

EIMPACT 4.0 - This course is designed for approving officers, veteran officers, elmpact administrators and/or records personnel who have used elmpact in the past. This course will provide information regarding the new updates and including how the program has improved.

Below is a list of scheduled classes for Districts 3, 4, and 5. Classes for districts 1,2, & 6 are being planned. If you would like to host training at your agency please contact Carroll Dodd (208) 334-4476 or e-mail carroll.dodd@itd.idaho.gov.

EIMPACT TRAINING SCHEDULE

Course	Date	Time	Location
4.0	July 26 - Tuesday	8:30-11:30 am	Vendome, 309 State St., Weiser, ID 83672
101	July 26 - Tuesday	1:00-5:00 pm	Vendome, 309 State St., Weiser, ID 83672
4.0	Aug. 2 - Tuesday	8:30-11:30 am	Pocatello Police Dept., 911 N. 7 th , Pocatello, ID 83201
101	Aug. 2 - Tuesday	1:00-5:00 pm	Pocatello Police Dept., 911 N. 7 th , Pocatello, ID 83201
4.0	Aug. 3 -Wednesday	1:00-4:00 pm	Bear Lake County Fire Station, 15 Montpelier Cemetery Rd, Paris ID 83261
4.0	Aug. 4 - Thursday	8:00-11:00 am	Power County EMS Bldg., 560 N. Oregon Trail, American Falls, ID 83211
4.0	Aug. 4 - Thursday	2:00-4:00 pm	ISP Region 4 Training Rm., 218 W. Yakima, Jerome, ID 83338
101	Aug. 22 - Monday	8:00am-noon	ISP Training Classroom A, 700 S. Stratford Dr., Meridian, ID 83642
4.0	Aug. 23 - Tuesday	8:30-11:3 am	ISP Training Classroom A, 700 S. Stratford Dr., Meridian, ID 83642
101	Aug. 31 - Wednesday	8:00am-noon	McCall American Legion Hall, 216 E. park St., McCall, ID 83628
4.0	Aug. 31 - Wednesday	1:30-4:30 pm	McCall American Legion Hall, 216 E. park St., McCall, ID 83628
4.0	Sept. 1 -Thursday	2:00-4:00 pm	ISP Region 4 Training Rm., 218 W. Yakima, Jerome, ID 83338
4.0	Sept. 8 - Thursday	2:00-4:00pm	Caribou County Fire Station, 655 E. 2 nd South, Soda Springs, ID 83276
4.0	Sept. 13 - Tuesday	1:30-4:30pm	Heyburn Police Dept., 1800 J St., Heyburn, ID 83836
101	Sept. 14 -Wednesday	8:00am-noon	Heyburn Police Dept., 1800 J St., Heyburn, ID 83836

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you would like to add an event to the calendar, please send an e-mail with the event details to lisa.losness@itd.idaho.gov

Date	Event Description
July 16, 2011	Alive at 25 Class , 5pm Rexburg City Hall, http://aliveat25.us/id/find-a-course
July 15-26, 2011	AGGRESSIVE DRIVING Traffic Enforcement Mobilization – Statewide, Contact: Cecilia Awusie, OHS GCO, Cecilia.awusie@itd.idaho.gov (208) 334-8112
Aug. 3, 2011	SHSP – committee chair meeting – 9:00-12:00 at ITD
Aug. 7 – 13, 2011	National Stop on Red Week Federal Highway Administration http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/redlight/outreach
Aug. 11, 2011	Alive at 25 Class , Kootenai Fire Station #2, Post Falls http://aliveat25.us/id/find-a-course
Aug. 19-21, 2011	State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (SMSA) Conference , Des Moines, IA
Aug. 26-Sept. 6, 2011	IMPAIRED DRIVING Traffic Enforcement Mobilization – Statewide, Contact: Kevin Bechen, OHS GCO, kevin.bechen@itd.idaho.gov (208) 334-4467
Sep 18-24, 2011	CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK , National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)